

Rutland Weekly Globe.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 23, 1873.

ANOTHER FIRE.

BURNING OF GIBSON'S SHOP.

Again the whistle was sounded and bells rang out the alarm of "Fire" at about two o'clock this morning. We shall become used to this sort of thing after a little, but at present seems as if some of us in Rutland had a decided penchant for a blaze.

This time the unfortunate victim to the fiery hand was Joseph E. Gibson, who resides on Main street and owns a blacksmith shop and a weight-light shop connected therewith. Last night the fire was put out at past five, and every sign of fire was smothered. At a quarter of two o'clock this morning the family were aroused from a sound slumber by the cry of "Fire," and behold the shop buildings in close proximity to the dwelling in a furious blaze. At that time the engines at the depot began their unearthly scream and a fury of feet was to be heard on the pavement.

On arriving at the scene of the configuration, our way being vividly lighted by the glare of the huge flame that was encircling the dam on the one side, and the frame-dwelling of Mr. Cutting on the other side were smoking and glowed ready to ignite, the timber being dry as tinder and perfectly combustible on a slight provocation.

Soon the roof of Mr. Cutting's house was ablaze in several places and the few people interested were waiting in breathless anxiety for the arrival of water. A private hose was quickly in requisition on the shed part of Mr. Gibson's house but that would be of no use in a moment or two more. Just at this point the welcome sound of the fire engine bell was heard with the hoots of the boys and the Nickwackett hove in sight. They plucked their hose in a jiffy, commenced their manipulations on the "up and down" and were ready for action. They were right in the "nick of time." They pouched a towline from their hose on to the buildings in so much danger and stopped their smoking very quickly. Then they turned their jet upon the midst of the devouring element and soon succeeded in bringing it into a state of complete subjection. A very few minutes sufficed to tell the tale and the fire subsided. It is a total loss of the shops to the owner, although he is insured by Mr. Francis \$100 on the buildings, \$150 on tools and \$100 on stock.

This is the third time that Mr. Gibson has been burned out in the same manner, and nearly the same ground, and he deserves, as he certainly receives the deepest sympathy of the entire community, at his unlucky fate in this particular regard. He had a nice, well-regulated set of buildings, had built a new wheelwright shop, but a short time ago, and moved the blacksmith shop back so as to join it as one building. Of course he was very careful about fire as he has had abundance of experience as to its dread qualities to prove a warning to him. One of the ladies of the house had been asleep but about half an hour when the alarm was given. Taking all these things into consideration we must believe that incendiaries are at work in our midst, and that they set the fire of this morning. It is not a very cheerful thought to harbor, but yet it will creep into the minds of us all who calmly contemplate the matter.

Great credit is due to Mr. James H. Dyer, our energetic Fire Warden, for his steadfast persistence in braving the heat of the flames throughout the fire, and to an unusual extent, all the while as jolly as Mark Tapley ever desired to be. We are not anxious to hear a similar alarm again right away.

MUNICIPAL COURT.

The Municipal Court has now been fully organized by the appointment of Francis A. Fisher, Esq., as Clerk. Mr. Fisher was sworn in by Judge Everts, on Monday morning. We are not advised that a Court Room has yet been selected, and presume the present it will be held in the office of the Judge. Monday has been fixed upon as the regular Court day. It will, however, be an open court.

The establishment of a Municipal Court will be of great service, not only to our people, but to the whole county. The services of Mr. Everts for Judge is a fortunate one, as he has had large experience in the trial of cases of the like. Mr. Everts' appointment as Clerk of the Court is fit selection. He is a gentleman of large practical experience in other directions, and will keep the records accurately and well.

FATLAL ACCIDENT AT ST. ALBANS.—At St. Albans, on Thursday afternoon, Charles Hollisland, a lad thirteen years of age, in attempting to get off a freight train, was caught between the cars and received fatal injuries.

From the Chicago Times, May 6.

Gen. Sheridan on the Modocs.

General Sheridan reached his residence in this city late on Saturday evening, returning from a tour of inspection in the West. The General's party left California some six weeks since, and consisted of Secretary of War Belknap, two or three of the officers from headquarters at Washington, General Sheridan and Lieutenant-Col. J. W. Forsyth, of his staff. The General's supervision over what is done. Dr. C. P. Howard has presented formal charges to this committee against Miss Pamela Cunningham, setting forth that she keeps no proper account of moneys received from the public, and that she is a habitual drunkard, appearing, while intoxicated, improperly dressed, and bringing disgrace upon the association.

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Bennington.

The readings of Prof. Bradford at Free Library Hall, last Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Bennington Lodge of Good Templars, were a decided success. Prof. Bradford was in good spirits and read unusually well. The hall was filled by an intelligent and appreciative audience. His readings of "The Vagabond" and "Under the Snow," were particularly excellent, and we wish all lodges in the State could have the privilege of hearing him read "Under the Snow," as it is one of the best of temperance lectures. The Good Templars are doing good in Bennington. At their meeting last Friday evening eight persons were initiated and several applications received.

A game of base ball was played Saturday afternoon between the College Club of Williamstown, Mass., and the Actives of Bennington, on the grounds of the latter. The Collegians were too much for our boys, the game standing at the close 35 to the College boys to 17 for the Actives.

Several of our singers who were present at the Musical Festival in Rutland last week, speak of it in terms of highest praise and pronounce it one of the richest musical treats they have ever enjoyed.

Rev. C. H. Hubbard and wife sail for Europe June 17.

MANUFACTURES.

The firm of Tiffany & Co. are quite extensively engaged in the manufacture of Ribon Knitting Machines for making shirt cuffs and other goods. They are so made that they put in perfect wells, splicing threads, &c., without stopping the machine. A little bell is attached to each machine, and if a thread breaks this bell sounds, and when walking between two tracks when the engine "Charlotte" that was breaking down a couple of freight cars met him. The brakeman on top of the car seeing him stagger, called out to him, but the unfortunate man reeled against the car, was thrown down and the car passed over his left leg, nearly severing it in two just above the ankle. He was also badly cut about the head. The train men lifted him into the car and brought him to the depot, and as soon as his name and place were ascertained, he was taken on a mattress to the house of his brother-in-law, Newell Firney, at the Centre. The wounded man is a Frenchman, formerly worked in town as a shoemaker, but now lives at Danby and is some 40 years old.

Since writing the above we learn that the unfortunate man died soon after arriving at Mr. Firney's. Dr. Allen attended him and it was found that all of his ribs were broken on one side and other injuries of an internal and fatal character were received.

An EXCITING RACE.—An exciting race, the most so perhaps of the season came off at the Rutland County Agricultural Society grounds on Saturday afternoon last, between H. H. Stone's "Modoc" Girl" and "George Shipton's" mare "Jane." The race was won by the Modoc Girl in two straight heats. Time, 3.15. 3.14. The wage was \$25.

EQUUS CURIOSITY.—Mr. J. F. Eddy, of Clarendon Springs, has brought us the most curious specimens of hen's eggs that we be-

lieve were ever laid. We have before us half a dozen of these productions, varying in size from an inch in circumference to two inches, and exactly resembling a bird's egg. Persons interested in the "hen kingdom," would find in these diminutive specimens much food for reflection.

Burlington.

Rev. Lewis O. Brastow of St. Johnsbury, the popular chaplain of the 12th Vermont, occupied the pulpit of the White street Congregational church on Sunday. It is rumored that it is quite probable that that church, which has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. E. H. Griffin, now professor in Williams College.

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